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Commissioner Friedman,

I am writing to express to you my extreme dismay that the FDA would continue to require or even allow the abusive and unnecessary testing of animals for pharmaceuticals. Animal testing is cruel and obsolete. I understand that in vitro testing can be substituted and I am certain that there are other ways to do testing without involving animals in any way. It is not our right as humans to mistreat other living things. This is an advanced country and an advanced scientific world - we must move on from our misguided past abuses.

I would like to see the FDA make the difference in this abhorrent area of abuse and cruelty.

Thank you for your time and attention,

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